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## **Press Release Announcement - March 23, 2007 - For Immediate Release**

### **Arizona Cattle on Feed Inventory Down 6 Percent From Last Year**

On March 1, 2007, Arizona had 329,000 head of cattle on feed for the slaughter market, down 22,000 head from a year ago, and down 5,000 head from last month. Placements totaled 24,000 head during February, 7,000 head less than a year ago. During February, 28,000 head were marketed, up 4,000 head from last year.

On March 1, 2007, California had 530,000 head of cattle on feed for the slaughter market, down 20,000 head from last year, and down 10,000 head from last month. Placements totaled 60,000 head during February, down 3,000 head from last year. During February, 67,000 head were marketed, up 11,000 head from last year.

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 11.6 million head on March 1, 2007. The inventory was 4 percent below March 1, 2006 but 4 percent above March 1, 2005.

Placements in feedlots during February totaled 1.66 million, 4 percent above 2006 and 9 percent above 2005. Net placements were 1.58 million. During February, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 325,000, 600-699 pounds were 334,000, 700-799 pounds were 505,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 495,000.

Marketings of fed cattle during February totaled 1.71 million, 7 percent above 2006 and 5 percent above 2005.

Other disappearance totaled 75,000 during February, 3 percent above 2006 but 3 percent below 2005.

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